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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, |) | Civil No.08cr3616 WQH (AJB) |
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| Plaintiff, |) | |
| v. |) | ORDER |
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| RAMON AYALA CHAVEZ, RAMON |) | |
| PERAZA BERNAL, ALEXANDRA |) | |
| RODRIGUEZ, |) | |
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| Defendants. |) | |
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Upon request of material witnesses JUAN GARCIA HUERTA and BALFRES LAZARO MONTES (hereafter "Material Witnesses"), and their counsel Wayne C. Mayer, and GOOD CAUSE APPEARING:

1. The MATERIAL WITNESSES in the case of USA v. RAMON AYALA CHAVEZ, RAMON PERAZA BERNAL, ALEXANDRA RODRIGUEZ, case number 08 CR 3616 WQH shall be deposed on December 16, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. The deposition will take place in office of the United States Attorney located at 880 Front Street, Fifth Floor, San Diego California. All parties, meaning the United States and the defendants, shall attend the material witnesses' deposition. The arresting agency shall bring the material witnesses to the deposition. If, in custody, the defendants shall be brought separately to the deposition and a marshal or agent from the arresting agency shall remain present during the entire proceeding.

1 2. The United States Attorney's Office shall provide a videotape operator ("operator") and, if necessary,
2 arrange for a court-certified interpreter in the witnesses native language to be present for the Material
3 Witness(es). The cost of the interpreter for the material witnesses shall be borne by the United States Attorney's
4 office.

5 3. If the defendants need an interpreter other than the interpreter for the material witnesses (if any), then
6 defense counsel will arrange for a court-certified interpreter to be present. The cost of a separate interpreter for
7 the defendant(s) shall be paid by the Court.

8 4. The United States Attorney's Office shall arrange for a certified court reporter to be present. The court
9 reporter shall stenographically record the testimony and serve as a notary and preside at the deposition in
10 accordance with Rule 28(a), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The cost of the court reporter shall be borne by
11 the United States Attorney's Office.

12 5. The deposition shall be videotaped, meaning a magnetic tape that records sound as well as visual images.
13 At the conclusion of the deposition, on the record, the witness(es) or any party may elect to have the witness(es)
14 review the videotape record of the deposition to check for errors or omissions and to note any changes. Any
15 errors, omissions or changes, and the reasons for making them, shall be stated in writing, signed by the
16 witness(es), delivered to the notary in a sealed envelope and filed in the same fashion as described in Paragraph
17 17 below, unless the parties agree on the record to a different procedure.

18 6. The operator shall select and supply all equipment required to videotape the deposition and shall determine
19 all matters of staging and technique, such as number and placement of cameras and microphones, lighting,
20 camera angle, and background. The operator shall determine these matters in a manner that accurately
21 reproduces the appearance of the witness(es) and assures clear reproduction of both the witness' testimony and
22 the statements of counsel. The witness(es), or any party to the action, may object on the record to the manner
23 in which the operator handles any of these matters. Any objections shall be considered by the Court in ruling
24 on the admissibility of the videotape record. All such objections shall be deemed waived unless made promptly
25 after the objector knows, or had reasonable grounds to know, of the basis for such objections.

26 7. The deposition shall be recorded in a fair, impartial, objective manner. The videotape equipment shall be
27 focused on the witness(es); however, the operator may when necessary or appropriate, focus upon charts,
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1 photographs, exhibits or like material being shown to the witness(es).

2 8. Before examination of the witness(es), the Assistant United States Attorney shall state on the video record:
3 his/her name; the date, time and place of the deposition; the name of the witness(es); the identity of the parties
4 and the names of all persons present in the deposition room. The court reporter shall then swear the witness
5 on the record. Prior to any counsel beginning an examination of the witness(es), that counsel shall identify
6 himself/herself and his/her respective client.

7 9. Once the deposition begins, the operator shall not stop the videotape recorder until the deposition
8 concludes, except that, any party or the witness(es) may request a brief recess, which request will be honored
9 unless a party objects and specifies a good faith basis for the objection on the record. Each time the tape is
10 stopped or started, the operator shall state on the record the time the recording stopped and the time it resumed.
11 If the deposition requires the use of more than one tape, the operator shall sequentially identify on the record
12 the end and beginning of each tape.

13 10. All objections both as to form and substance shall be recorded as if the objection had been overruled. The
14 Court shall rule on the objections at the appropriate time. The party raising the objection(s) shall prepare a
15 transcript for the Court to consider. All objections shall be deemed waived unless made during the deposition.

16 11. The Party offering the deposition into evidence at trial shall provide the Court with a transcript of the
17 portions so offered.

18 12. Copies of all exhibits utilized during the videotaped deposition shall be marked for identification during
19 the deposition and attached to the videotaped record.

20 13. At the conclusion of the deposition, any objection, including the basis, to the release the material
21 witness(es) from custody shall be stated on the record. If there is no objection, the attorney for the material
22 witness(es) shall immediately serve all parties with a "Stipulation and Proposed Order for Release of the
23 Material Witness(es)" and submit the Order to the Clerk of the Court for the Judge's signature. Prior to release
24 from custody the attorney for the Government shall serve the material witness(es) with a subpoena for the trial
25 date and a travel fund advance letter.

26 14. The operator shall provide a copy of the videotaped deposition to any party who requests a copy at that
27 party's expense. After preparing the requested copies, if any, the operator shall deliver the original videotape
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1 to the notary along with a certificate signed by the operator attesting that the videotape is an accurate and
2 complete recording of the deposition. The notary shall file the original tape and certification with the Clerk of
3 the Court in a sealed envelope marked with the caption of the case, the name of the witness(es) and the date of
4 the deposition.

5 15. The notary shall file with the Clerk of the Court in a sealed envelope the original videotape, along with
6 any exhibits offered during the deposition. The sealed envelope shall be marked with the caption of the case,
7 the name of the witness(es), and the date of the deposition. To that envelope, the notary shall attach the
8 certificate of the operator. If all counsel stipulate on the record, the Government may maintain the original
9 videotape until production is ordered by the Court or requested by any party.

10 16. If any party objects on the record to the release of the material witness(es) from custody, the objecting
11 party must request in writing a hearing on the issue before the federal judge who is assigned the case or to such
12 other district judge or magistrate judge as they designate. Notice of the request for Hearing must be served on
13 all parties and filed with the Clerk of the Court within twenty-four (24) hours after the completion of the
14 deposition, with a courtesy copy to chambers.

15 17. The court shall set a briefing schedule, if appropriate, and a date and time for the objection to be heard as
16 soon as reasonably practicable. At the hearing, the objecting party must establish to the Court's satisfaction an
17 appropriate legal basis for the material witness (es) to remain in custody. If, after the hearing, the Court orders
18 the release of the material witness (es), the material witness (es)' attorney shall immediately present the release
19 order to the Court for signature and filing. Before release of the material witness (es) from custody the
20 Government shall serve the material witness (es) with a subpoena for the trial date and a travel fund advance
21 letter.
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23 18. Upon request by either party, the videotape operator shall provide a copy of the videotaped deposition to
24 the requesting party at the requesting party's expense. After preparing the requested copies, if any, the videotape
25 operator shall turn the original videotape over to the notary along with a certificate signed by the videotape
26 operator attesting that the videotape is an accurate and complete record of the recorded deposition.

27 19. The videographer shall file the original videotape, along with any exhibits offered during the deposition,
28 with the Court in a sealed envelope marked with the caption of the case, the name of the witness and the date

1 of the deposition. To that envelope, the notary shall attach the sworn statement that the videotape is an accurate
2 and complete record of the recorded deposition and a certification that the officer duly swore the witness.

3 20. To the extent that the procedures set forth herein for videotaping vary from those set forth in Rules 28 and
4 30 F.R.Civ.P., these variations are found to be good cause shown as allowed by F.R. Civ. P. 29.
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6 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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8 DATED: December 2, 2008

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12 Hon. Anthony J. Battaglia

13 U.S. Magistrate Judge

14 United States District Court
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